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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claims have improper language regarding a machine-readable medium.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-7, 11, 12, 14, 16, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by De Haan (WO 01/01416).
4. Consider claim 1. De Haan teaches a method for merging first and second data associated with first and second DVD-Video zone directories respectively; the method comprising: identifying the registers used by at least one of the first and second data; allocating use of the registers to at least one of the first and second data according to said identifying; and creating data associated with video manager information (VMGI) of

the DVD-video disc image data to accommodate at least one of the first and second DVD-Video zones (pg. 3, lines 11-24).

5. Consider claim 2. De Haan teaches a method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising collating the first and second data to produce DVD-Video data (pg. 3, lines 18-24).

6. Consider claim 3. De Haan teaches a method as claimed in claim 1, in which at least one of the first and second data comprises at least one of a Group of Picture, a Video Object, a Video Object Set, a Video Object Unit, a Cell, Program, Part_of_Title, Program Chain, Title, Navigation Pack, Video Pack, Audio Pack or DVD-Video disc image data (fig. 3).

7. Consider claim 4. De Haan teaches a method as claimed in claim 1 in which the step of creating comprises creating menu data of video manager menu data (video_ts.vob) to access at least one of the first and second data (pg. 3, lines 25-26).

8. Consider claim 5. De Haan teaches a method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising establishing a backup copy of the data associated with the video manager information (pg. 4, lines 20-23).

9. Consider claim 6. De Haan teaches a method as claimed in claim 5 in which establishing a backup copy of the data associated with the video manager information comprises creating VMGI backup information (video_ts.bup) (pg. 4, lines 20-23).

10. Consider claim 7. De Haan teaches all claimed limitations as stated above, except a method as claimed in claim 1 in which the first and second data were created

using respective, different, authoring tools or by different authors using the same tool (abstract).

11. Consider claim 16. De Haan teaches a computer program comprising executable code to implement a method as claimed in claim 1 (pg. 7, lines 19-21).

12. Claims 11, 12, 14, and 17 are rejected using similar reasoning as the corresponding claims above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

13. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

14. Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over De Haan (WO 01/01416) in view of Nozaki et al. (US Pat. No. 6,396,998).

15. Consider claim 8. De Haan teaches all claimed limitations as stated above, except a method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising, prior to identifying, determining whether or not at least one of the first and second data has associated copy protection.

However, Nozaki et al. teaches a method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising, prior to identifying, determining whether or not at least one of the first and second data has associated copy protection (abstract).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to use, to determine whether or not data has associated copy protection, in order to be able to reflect copy protection information.

16. Consider claim 9. Nozaki et al. teaches a method as claimed in claim 8 further comprising creating the first data using a respective authoring tool and performing the steps of determining by using that respective authoring tool (col. 3, lines 50-62).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mishawn N. Dunn whose telephone number is 571-272-7635. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

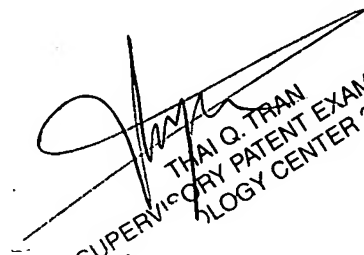
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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